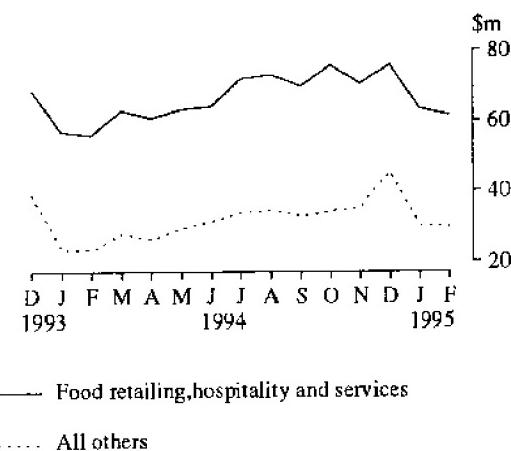


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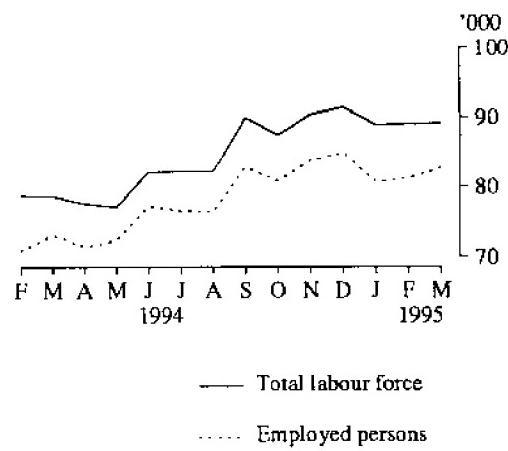
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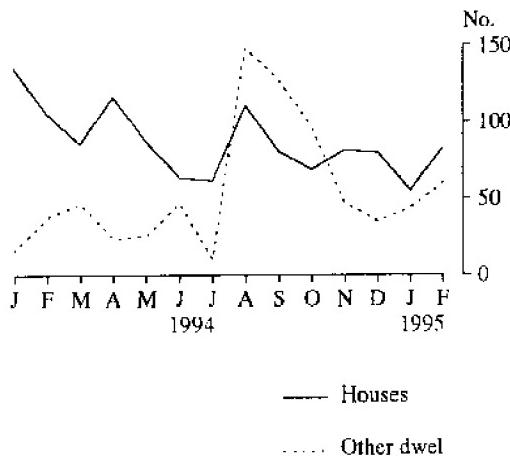
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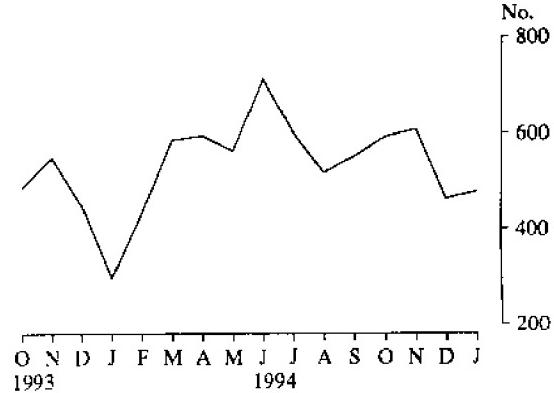
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Indicator	Unit	Northern Territory				Australia		
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)
				(%)	(%)		(%)	(%)
LABOUR FORCE								
Employed	'000	Mar-95	82.7	1.8	13.3	8,164.6	0.9	4.2
Unemployed	'000	Mar-95	6.5	-16.7	16.1	815.7	-8.0	-14.1
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Mar-95	7.3	-1.4	0.1	9.1	-0.8	-1.7
Participation rate (a)	%	Mar-95	73.0	0.1	7.7	63.8	-0.1	0.5
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS								
Males	\$	Nov-94	656.80	0.1	-1.1	642.90	1.3	3.9
Females	\$	Nov-94	455.10	-0.1	4.1	425.00	0.9	4.0
Total persons	\$	Nov-94	562.30	0.2	0.7	541.50	0.8	3.8
RETAIL TURNOVER								
Food & Hospitality & Services	\$m	Feb-95	61.6	-2.7	10.4	4,934.6	-7.0	9.4
All other stores	\$m	Feb-95	29.8	-1.3	27.9	3,351.6	-8.3	3.8
Total	\$m	Feb-95	91.4	-2.2	15.5	8,286.2	-7.5	7.1
PRICES								
Consumer Price Index								
Food (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr-94	112.8	-	0.2	110.9	0.5	1.3
Housing (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr-94	107.7	2.3	4.6	97.5	2.7	4.2
Transport (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr-94	114.5	-0.3	1.0	116.8	-0.2	2.9
All groups (1989-90=100.0)		Dec qtr-94	113.7	0.6	1.8	112.8	0.8	2.6
Average Retail Prices								
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Dec qtr-94	203	-	2.0	..	..	..
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Dec qtr-94	178	4.7	6.0	..	..	..
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Dec qtr-94	99	5.3	5.3	..	..	..
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Dec qtr-94	73.4	-1.9	-2.1	..	..	..
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Dec qtr-94	1,307	1.6	6.1	..	..	..
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES	no. of days lost per '000 employees	Year ended						
OCCURRED		Dec-94	125	-0.8	228.9	86	6.2	-20.4
BUILDING								
Approvals								
New houses	no.	Feb-95	83	50.9	-21.7	8,115	5.1	-17.6
Other residential	no.	Feb-95	60	36.4	57.9	3,794	9.6	-6.0
Total new residential building	\$m	Feb-95	14.4	48.6	3.6	1,087.8	6.8	-7.9
Total non-residential building	\$m	Feb-95	31.2	74.7	613.3	905.9	43.5	16.0
Value of all building approved	\$m	Feb-95	48.0	65.9	141.1	2,172.6	21.0	1.7
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Dec qtr-94	245	21.3	-6.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Dec qtr-94	91.1	16.2	4.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
HOUSING FINANCE								
Secured commitments to individuals								
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Feb-95	7.2	111.8	44.0	497.4	16.2	-27.4
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Feb-95	1.8	5.9	-33.3	162.4	10.0	-29.5
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Feb-95	25.7	52.1	13.2	2,415.7	25.4	-26.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS								
Motor vehicles	no.	Jan-95	478	3.2	59.9	42,940	-18.7	17.1
Motor cycles	no.	Feb-95	31	72.2	-16.2	1,686	-9.1	4.5
OVERSEAS TRADE								
Imports	\$m	Feb-95	20.4	99.8	-28.5	5,569.4	-8.7	26.5
Exports (c)	\$m	Feb-95	76.8	4.9	-1.8	4,935.4	4.1	6.8
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION								
Hotel, Motels & Guest Houses								
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Dec qtr-94	57.1	-13.9	6.2	59.0	0.6	3.5
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Dec qtr-94	33.0	-10.2	3.5	35.8	-0.1	1.6
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Dec qtr-94	23.5	-20.1	20.4	796.9	4.9	12.3
POPULATION								
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Sep qtr-94p	171.4	0.2	0.7	17,896.7	0.3	1.1

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